

TROWBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

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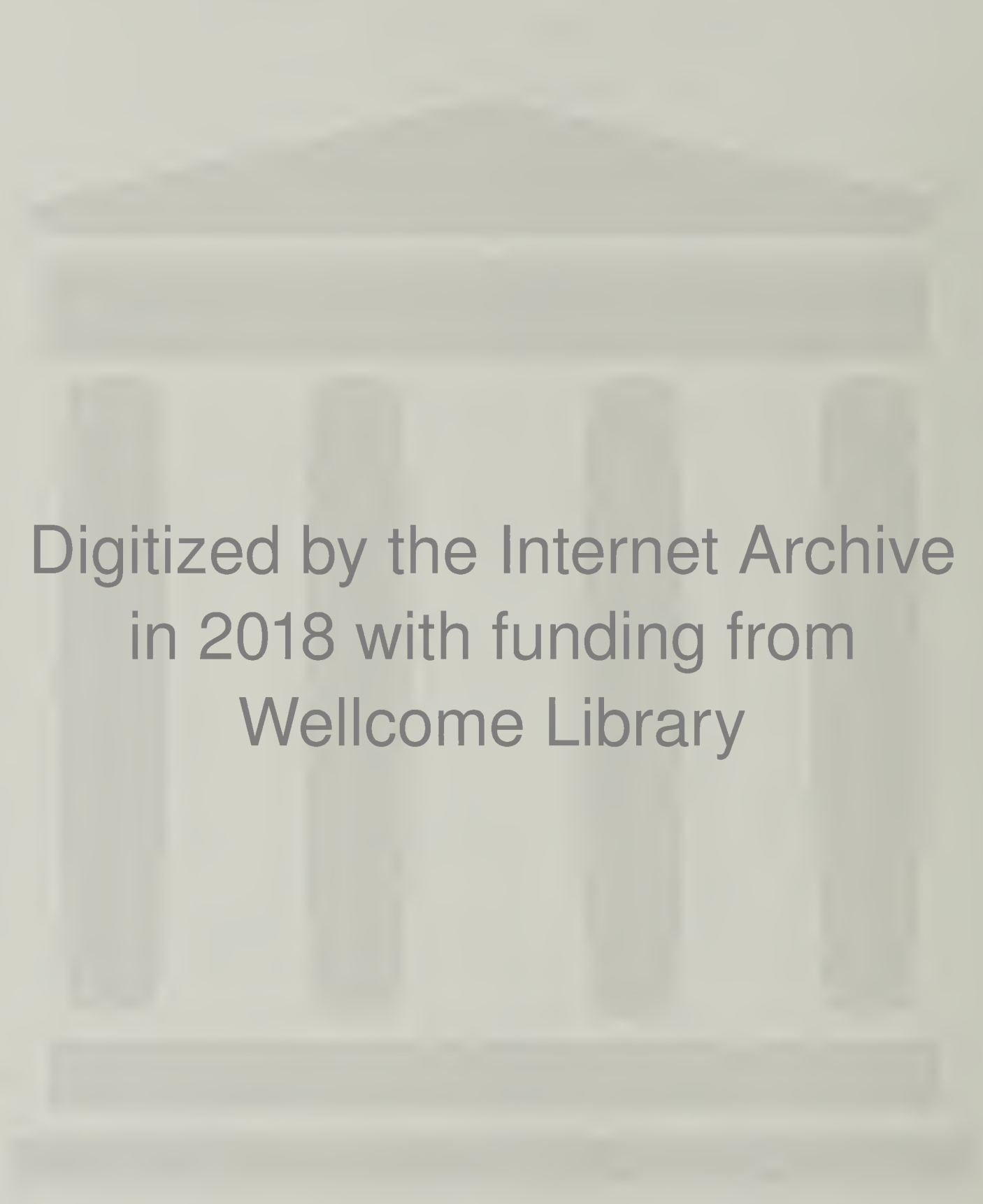
Mr.Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report for 1970.

As Members know your Medical Officer of Health, Dr.Davies, left at the beginning of January, 1971. I am not in a position to comment on events in 1970 and the effect on the health of the Town excepting the statistical facts contained herein. These statistics show a continuing satisfactory state and I feel that the increased death rate is only a statistical artefact.

G.WOLFENDEN.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area	2,250 acres
Population	18,050
Rateable Value at 31.3.70.....	£927818
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	£3751.0.3
Total Number of Houses in Urban District	6700

VITAL STATISTICS.

	M.	F.	Total	1969	England and Wales 1970.
LIVE BIRTHS -					
Legitimate	166	161	327	323	
Illegitimate	13	11	24	32	
	179	172	351	355	
LIVE BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 population			19.4	19.8	16.0
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - expressed as percentage of total live births			7.0	9.0	8.0
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 population (comparability factor 1.05)			20.4	20.8	16.0
STILL BIRTHS -					
Legitimate	4	1	5	1	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
	4	1	5	1	
STILL BIRTH RATE - per 1,000 live and still births			14.0	11.0	13.0
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	183	173	356	359	
TOTAL DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES	116	123	239	199	
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 population all Causes			13.2	11.1	11.7

	M.	F.	Total	1969	England and Wales
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE- per 1,000 population (comparability factor 0.99)			12.1	10.5	11.7
INFANTS DEATHS (under 1 year)					
Legitimate	1	4	5	4	
Illegitimate	1	0	1	1	
	2	4	6	5	
INFANT MORTALITY RATE- per 1,000 live births			17.0	14.0	18.0
NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 4 weeks)					
Legitimate	1	2	3	1	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
	1	2	3	1	
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE- per 1,000 live births			9.0	6.0	12.0
EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS- (under 1 week)					
Legitimate	1	2	3	2	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	
	1	2	3	2	
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE- per 1,000 live births			9.0	6.0	11.0
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE- (still births and deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births)			22.0	17.0	23.0

AREA COMPARABILITY FACTORS. These factors are provided by the Registrar General in respect of birth and death rates in order to make approximate allowance for the way in which local populations differ in age and sex distribution for England and Wales as a whole.

There has been a very slight drop in the birth rate but it is still above the national average. The death rate has increased noticeably - there being 40 more deaths than in the previous year (20% increase). Due to the small numbers involved some fluctuation of rate is to be anticipated - this is especially so in the various infant mortality rates.

Deaths due to Heart and Circulation diseases gave us 53.1% of deaths (1969 - 46.7%) and Cancer 24.7% (1969 - 21.1%).

The increased deaths are in the over 65 age groups (188 in 1970 - 148 in 1969). 78% of deaths took place over 65 years of age and 46% were over 75 years of age, showing that one has a fairly good chance of living to a ripe old age.

A detailed analysis of causes of deaths is given over the page.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Desophagus	M	1	-
	F	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-
	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	3	-
	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	13	-
	F	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-
	F	11	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	3	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	4	-
	F	10	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Other Endocrine etc.Diseases	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Anaemias	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-
	F	2	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	2	-
	F	2	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	43	-
	F	27	-
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	4	-
	F	12	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	13	-
	F	19	-
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-
	F	3	-
Influenza	M	4	-
	F	2	-
Pneumonia	M	3	-
	F	8	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	6	-
	F	2	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-
	F	1	-
Appendicitis	M	2	-
	F	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-
	F	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-
	F	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-

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ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.4 weeks and
under 1 year

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35-

45-

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65-

75 and
over

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ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-
	F	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	1
	F	3	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-
	F	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-
	F	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-
	F	3	-
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	M	1	-
	F	-	-
All Other External Causes	M	-	-
	F	1	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	116	1
	F	123	2

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES.

4 weeks and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	-	-	-	1	8	21	42	40
2	1	-	1	1	1	3	6	35	71

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

STAFF.

Part-time Medical Officer, Dr. J. L. Davies, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., who acts for Trowbridge U.D.C., Bradford on Avon U.D.C. and is also an Assistant County Medical Officer.

Chief Public Health Inspector, Hugh Phillips, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H., who acts as Authorised Officer under (1) Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936, (2) Pet Animals Act, 1951, (3) Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations, 1953, (4) Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957 and (5) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Deputy Public Health Inspector, Alan A. Johnson, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector, R. M. Davies, M.A.P.H.I., A.M.R.S.H.

Meat Inspectors, J. McGhee,
G. Pollitt,
J. Stone.

Clerk-Typist, Mrs. N. M. Hillyer.

Rodent Operator, T. Richards.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. Public Health Laboratory, Bath.
Waterfall and O'Brien, Bristol.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

Ambulance Facilities. The County Council's Ambulance Station for the area is at Hilperton Road, Trowbridge.

Services in the home are given by Midwives, District Nurses, Health Visitors, Welfare Officers, Mental Welfare Officers and Home Helps.

By arrangement with the West Wilts Hospitals Management Committee specialist clinics are held at various times by appointment. These include the Eye, Orthopaedic and Child Guidance Clinics. A Cervical Cytology Clinic and a Family Planning Clinic are also held.

The Infant Welfare Clinic is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 2.00 p.m.

Immunisations are carried out at various times by appointment.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 and 1951.

No action was taken under this Act during 1970.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A minor epidemic of Measles occurred, mainly in the May to July period, 104 cases in all.

We also had notified 3 Infectious Jaundice, 2 Scarlet Fever cases. There was also one case of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following figures for immunisation and vaccination carried out in Trowbridge during the year.

		Children born in years					1961 -65	1955 - 60	Other under 16
		1970	1969	1968	1967	1966			
Primary imms. completed during 1970	Diph.	172	171	4	2	4	7	2	-
	Wh.Cough	171	171	4	2	4	7	-	-
	Tetanus	172	171	4	2	4	7	2	1
	Measles	-	163	93	16	21	5	3	-
	Polio.	172	170	4	2	4	17	3	-
Reinforcing imms. given in 1970	Diph.	-	75	158	10	100	73	-	-
	Wh.Cough	-	70	135	7	1	22	-	-
	Tetanus	-	75	158	10	100	73	1	1
	Polio	-	73	142	6	99	109	-	-
<u>SMALLPOX.</u>									
Months							Years		
Age Group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1		2-4	5-15	
Vaccinations	-	1	-	-	199		15	2	
Re-Vaccinations				-	-		1	1	

Of all children born in 1969 93.8% had received primary immunisation (against Diphtheria, Tetanus and usually Whooping Cough) by the end of 1970. This is quite a good percentage and compared well with the County (excluding Swindon) average of 87.9%.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

A - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(i) SLAUGHTERING.

Slaughtering facilities were provided at two premises:-

1. Bowyers (Wiltshire) Limited
2. W.E. Summers

The first named is a fully mechanised modern installation slaughtering between 500 and 600 pigs per day at about 95 per hour. The hours of operation were between 7.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

Slaughtering of calves, pigs and sheep was carried out at W.E. Summers between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 8.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

With the exception of a few casualties no slaughtering was done on Sundays.

Twenty-one slaughtermen were licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

(ii) INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The three meat inspectors, with assistance at times of holidays or sickness from public health inspectors have inspected 129,117 animals during the year in the normal adverse slaughterhouse working conditions.

This work requires a high degree of mental concentration, manual skill and has the disadvantages of endless repetition.

The Imported Food Regulations are not the easiest of legislation with which to deal. Containers from ports may arrive at any time of day or night. The firms receiving containers have been very co-operative and no special difficulties have been experienced in their inspection, however administratively, with the head offices of two national food manufacturers in the town, prior notice and documentation from the port of entry often had to be redirected to the Local Authority in whose area the consignment was destined, involving considerable investigation through the firm concerned.

Forty-two Export Health Certificates were issued during the year for products manufactured in the District.

Sixteen complaints involving foodstuffs were investigated during the year.

No court proceedings were taken.

The weights of meat and other food condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year were as follows:-

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwts</u>	<u>Lbs</u>
Meat and Offal at Slaughterhouses	108	2	97
Meat and Offal at Wholesale Premises		1	59
Meat and Offal at Retail Shops			21
Cooked Meat and Meat Products			36
Canned Meats			19
Other Canned Foods			10
Fish at Retail Shops			16
Fruit and Vegetables at Retail Shops		10	1
Other Foods	1	0	20
	109	15	55

MEAT INSPECTION AT BACON FACTORIES AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES, 1970.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number Killed	-	2,277	24	126,816
Number Inspected	-	2,277	24	126,816

ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.

Whole Carcasses Condemned	-	16	3	535
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	47	-	8,578
Percentage of the number killed affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci		2.76%	12.50%	7.19%

TUBERCULOSIS ONLY

Whole Carcasses Condemned	-	-	-	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	1,397
Percentage of the number killed affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	1.10%

CYSTICERCOSIS

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-

(iii) POULTRY INSPECTION.

- (a) Number of processing premises within the District 1
- (b) Number of visits to the premises 85
- (c) Total number of birds processed during the year 4,390,771
- (d) Types of birds processed Broiler Chickens and Hens
- (e) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption 1.14%
- (f) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption 188,799 lbs

Regular visits to the premises were made during the year. The inspection and rejection of unfit birds was carried out by Company's personnel at all stages of production with management supervision. General oversight was given by Officers of this Department as recommended in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Circular 22/61.

The hygiene is of a high order and improved techniques are always being sought.

(iv) THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1958.

The functions of the Wiltshire County Council under this Order are delegated to the Council. No plants were licensed during the year.

(v) THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

The number of food premises in the district by category of trade was as follows:-

Grocers, Greengrocers, Fruiterers, Confectioners ..	67
Cafes, Snack Bars.....	11
Fishmongers	4
Butchers	12
Bakers	3
Fish and Chip Saloon	4
Bacon Factories	1
Other Food Factories	10
Canteens, Kitchens, etc.	34
Warehouses	6
Breweries	2
Beer Bottling	1
Wine and Spirit Bottling	1
Public Houses	25
Clubs	8
Off-Licence Premises	6

(vi) REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

Number of premises registered under Section 16 and 18, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(i) (a) For the Sale of Ice-Cream	49
(b) For the Storage of Ice-Cream	1
(c) For the Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream ...	1
(ii) For the Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages or Potted, Pressed, Pickled or Preserved Food Intended for Sale	12

(vii) MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959.

(i) Number of registered dairies (not being dairy farms) ...	4
(ii) Number of registered distributors of milk	20

Of the registered distributors of milk thirteen were shop-keepers retailing small quantities of bottled or carton milk.

All milk retailed in the Urban District was heat-treated.

(viii) MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS.

Under a delegation agreement, certain functions of the Wiltshire County Council, under the Regulations, are carried out by the Urban District Council. Fifty samples of designated milks were taken as follows:-

Pasteurised Milk	34
Pasteurised (Channel Islands)....	11
Sterilised Milk	3
Ultra High Temperature Milk	2

50

Three samples of pasteurised (Channel Islands) milk failed to reach the prescribed standards and were the subject of further investigations. The remainder were satisfactory.

(ix) ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS.

Eight samples of ice-cream and two ice-lollies were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Seven ice-creams were reported as Provisional Grade I, one as Grade 2 and the lollies were of a satisfactory bacteriological standard.

(x) WATER SAMPLES.

Nine samples of drinking water and five samples from the Council's Bathing Pool were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination.

All were reported as satisfactory.

B. - HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(a) UNFIT HOUSES.

A Clearance Area was made in respect of eight houses in New Road. As the Council had no plans for redevelopment no Compulsory Purchase Order was placed on the area.

No progress was made in dealing with sixteen unfit houses in The Halve, reported during 1969, as new proposals were being considered by the Wiltshire County Council on the route of the northern inner relief road.

Thirty properties in Hilperton Road and The Furlong were similarly affected.

Closing Orders were made in respect of six unfit properties.

A Demolition Order was made in respect of one unfit property.

Since the inception of the 1969 Housing Act with its much larger grants for improvements and repairs, far more consideration has had to be given to the treatment of unfit properties. An owner will be willing and able to effect major renovations which would formerly have been out of the question. Older terraced properties awaiting inspection should not be left too long for a decision on their future, yet improved compensation has made clearance so expensive that only a limited amount can be done each year.

(b) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION.

Informal action continued to be taken wherever necessary under the Council's adopted code of standards for multi-occupied houses.

(c) HOUSING ACT, 1969, PART III.

The procedure to obtain a Regulated Tenancy where previously a controlled tenancy existed and thus to gain an increased rent has proved complicated and time consuming for all concerned.

Applications were as follows:-

SECTION 45, QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES.

(a) Applications received	-	2
(b) Applications granted	-	1
(c) Applications refused	-	1

SECTION 46, CERTIFICATES OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL.

(a) Applications received	-	7
(b) Applications granted	-	7
(c) Applications refused	-	Nil

IMPROVEMENTS

(d) GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS.

A great deal of preparatory work was carried out during the year to decide those areas of older properties suitable for designation as General Improvement Areas. Following consultations with officers of the Department of the Environment the Council decided that the first area should be Dursley Road and Drynham Road. It was estimated that throughout the town more than 1,200 properties could eventually be included in such Areas.

(e) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.

Thirty-four applications were received and approved.

(f) STANDARD GRANTS.

Nineteen applications were received and approved.

The total money paid in respect of both types of grants amounted to £7,356. In 1969 this amounted only to £2,679.

C - CLEAN AIR ACTS.

Some industrial chimneys required frequent reminders of their smoke emissions. A view across the town from the office window can often assist in dealing with such emissions in a matter of minutes.

D NOISE ABATEMENT ACT.

There is no doubt that people are becoming more conscious of and will not tolerate unnecessary noise. Road drills (always of course those of a sub-contractor!) are now the subject of complaints, whereas formerly they were accepted as necessary evils. The neighbours, the neighbours' dogs, factories working, lorries passing in the night and bird scarers protecting crops from the increasing pigeon menace, these and other constitute the unwelcome intruders of our homes.

E - AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

No action was taken under this Act during the year.

F - RODENT AND OTHER PEST CONTROL.

The table overleaf shows the very necessary work carried out by the Rodent Operator in destroying rats and mice. He also dealt with pigeons, wasps and cockroaches.

The soil sewers were treated twice during the year for rats and again there was no significant change when compared with previous years. It will be noted however that the number of notifications of infested premises was more than during the previous year.

135 pigeons were trapped during the year, more than half of which were ringed and were returned to their owners.

The Council has fourteen contracts for the regular treatment

for rats and mice at commercial and industrial premises and at one hospital.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of Properties in District	7,967	26
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	230	15
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	129	-
(ii) Mice	113	-
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notifications	27	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	5	-
(ii) Mice	8	-

G - PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 & 1936.

Forty-four premises were licensed by the Council for the storage of 145,035 gallons of petroleum spirit. One new installation and extensions to three existing were inspected and tested in accordance with the Home Office Code and Standards adopted by the Council.

Seven Nitrogen pressure tests were applied to tanks installed over 20 years ago. Two failures occurred requiring one tank to be repaired and one to be replaced.

H - PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two licences were issued under the Act to keep a pet shop. The advice of the R.S.P.C.A. is sought in connection with applications for licences.

I - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of registrations and an analysis of the number of persons employed in registered premises are set out below. One hundred and twenty-five visits were made under the Act.

<u>CLASS OF WORKPLACE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS DURING THE YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES.</u>
Offices	7	1405
Retail Shops	6	781
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	79
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	115
Fuel Storage Depots	-	5
	<u>13</u>	<u>2385</u>

Total Males:- 1105

Total Females:- 1280

J- REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

During the nine months, April to December, refuse was the responsibility of the Health Department. Early steps were taken to stop burning at the Council's tip and controlled tipping was started on the adjoining area. An investigation into the use of plastic sacks led to their introduction in two small areas where collection difficulties were experienced. Preparatory work was carried out in collaboration with the work study department of the Wiltshire County Council towards the making of charges to collect trade waste. A close watch had to be kept on the dangers to public health during the manual workers strike in October.

K - FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	3	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	96	35	6	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	102	38	6	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	No.of cases in which defects found			No.of cases in which prosecutions instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M.by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness S.1.	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding S.2	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature S.3	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation S.4	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors S.6	-	-	-	-
Conveniences S.7	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-
(c) Not Separate for Sexes	1	1	-	1
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	1

OUTWORK Section 133 and 134.

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in Aug list (S. 133)	No. of cases of default in sending lists	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply list	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome prem.	Notices Served Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel. Making, etc. cleaning and washing	10	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	-	-	-	-

